



4-H E-mail Announcements for February 12, 2010

COUNTY NEWS

*****Flygility, Crafts and Games*****

K-9 & Kompany and the 4-H Office are sponsoring this event, which combines dog agility and flyball, at Bark-A-Bout in Shelby Twp. on Saturday, March 27th from 2-7 p.m. Dinner and dog related crafts and games will end the day. Cost: \$15 (\$7 for non-participating family members). **\$10 rebate for first 20 registrations.** Paid registrations are due by February 20th. No on site registration. To receive a flyer/registration form, contact Michelle Humenny at 586-770-1077, the 4-H Office, or [click here](#).

*****4-H Livestock Jeopardy*****

The 3rd Annual Macomb County 4-H Livestock Jeopardy will be held on Saturday, March 6th at the Armada Lions Club, 23031 E. Main Street-Armada. Teams of 4 will compete on their knowledge of Beef, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine, Goats, and Dairy. Cost per team is only \$10 plus 4 cans of food to be donated to a local food pantry. Teams can be made of youth from more than one club. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st (\$60), 2nd (\$40), and 3rd (\$20) place teams. Teams need to register by February 26. Event is sponsored by the 4-H Livestock Program Committee. Light refreshments provided. Audience members are asked to donate one can of food as well. [Click here](#) for registration form.

*****Horse Program Committee Meeting*****

The next Horse Program Committee is February 22nd at Camp Rotary at 7:00pm. The mini/draft sub-committee will be meeting at 6:00pm, prior to the whole committee. Please make sure that each club is represented at these meetings.

*****30th Annual Ray's Riding Rascals 4-H Horse Tack Sale*****

Ray's Riding Rascal's is having a **One Day Sale!** March 6th, 2010 from 10 am—2:30 pm. New & Used ***TACK N' CLOTHES***. Held at Berville Lions Field Hall, 13651 Hough Rd., Allenton. Admission is \$3.00, 12 and under free. For more information call Sheryl after 8 pm at 810-874-9921. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

*****4-H Superintendent –Leader Meeting*****

We invite all 4-H Superintendents and Club Leaders involved in the fair to join MSUE 4-H and the Armada Agricultural Society Fair Board members in a planning meeting scheduled for Monday, April 19 at the MSU Extension Office Senior Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 6:15 pm and the meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Fair books and forms will be distributed to leaders at this meeting. Topics will include Sunday judging, updates, fairgrounds clean up, sign up for 4-H petting farm and exhibit building. This is a wonderful opportunity for both 4-H and Fair Superintendents to discuss their respective departments and work out details for this year's 2010 Armada Fair. To ensure enough food and materials are available, please RSVP by Thursday, April 15 by calling 586-469-6431 or emailing macomb4h@macombcountymi.gov.

*****New 4-H Resource Guides Now available from National 4-H Supply Service *****

The four new resources are: **Dog Training**, **Horse Training**, **Digital Photography** and **Poultry**. The 4-H Office has ordered one copy of each if you want to look at them before ordering. Learn more - visit <http://4hlists.org/t/3750665/1063695/891/0/>

State News

***** 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop and 4-H Plant Science & Entomology Workshop *****

March 19-21, 2010

Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

Two workshops in one! These workshops are running on the same schedule. Participants from each one will be able to sign up for sessions offered by the other workshop, but must select one as your "main workshop" when registering. Pick from a variety of topics offered in six different break-out session time blocks. Gain fun, hands-on ideas, projects and activities for use in your club or county programming. Update your knowledge and skills, share ideas with others from around the state, and help kids enjoy and appreciate the outdoors. Bring an item to donate or extra spending money for bidding to help support the auction for your workshop. Adults and youth ages 13 or older may attend. The cost is \$70 per person (4-H). Register through the county MSU Extension office by 5 p.m. on March 5, 2010. Call 586-469-6431 for more information. Click here for the workshop packets: [4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education](#); [4-H Plant Science & Entomology](#).

*****2010 Foreign Exchange Opportunities*****

2010 Foreign Exchange Opportunities are now listed on the State 4-H website.

They include inbound and outbound Belize, Costa Rican and Japanese exchanges, and outbound programs to Poland and Australia, Some of these programs have February 1 application deadlines. To get more information and forms, go to the state website, select Global and Cultural Education from the "Select a Program" pull down menu. From there select International Exchange programs and scroll down 2010 4-H Exchange Opportunities. (<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/culture.html>.) If you need help on an outbound program from the 4-H Office or want to host an inbound program, contact Anne at 469-6431.

*****Mark of Excellence Award*****

4-H members between the ages of 11 – 12 years of age are encouraged to participate in this 4-H essay contest. Interested 4-H'ers will write an essay (500 words or less) focusing on the theme "**Because of 4-H, I Can...**". Each county may select up to two representatives to be recognized during the State Awards Celebration at MSU in June during 4-H Exploration Days. Essays will be due to the county office March 1st. For more information, go to the following website: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/staward.html> or contact Macomb 4-H office at 586-469-6431.

4-Her's Encouraged to Apply for State Awards

The Michigan State 4-H Awards Program is an opportunity for 4-H'ers members 13-19 years of age as of January 1, 2010, with three or more years of experience in 4-H, to meet new friends, gain leadership skills, increase their interviewing skills, improve their writing skills, build their self-esteem and compete for recognition in more than 30 different project areas. Applications will be due to the county office on March 1st. For more information, go to the following website: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/staward.html> or contact Macomb 4-H office at 586-469-6431

*****Kalamazoo County 4-H Tack Sale*****

Attached is the link to Kalamazoo County 4-H Horse Leaders Tack Sale on March 15, 2010. It is one of the biggest tack sales throughout Southwest Michigan and is held at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. Kalamazoo County 4-H Tack Sale:

<http://www.kalcounty.com/4h/currentevents/tack%20sale%20flyer%202010.pdf>

*****Hairy Horse Clinic*****

The clinic (being held on March 28, 2010 at MSU Pavillion) is organized just like a warm-up horseshow. The big difference? The judges offer feedback to each exhibitor on the strengths and weaknesses of their performance. This unique opportunity provides exhibitors a chance to hear what the judges are thinking. No placings or ribbons here...the feedback is your reward!!! Check out the web site for a complete listing of classes: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/horsekids/>

*****Horse Clinics*****

There are horse programs available at Wolcott Farms from March through August 2010. For more information please call 586-752-5932.

*****Exploration Days Registration Books Available *****

The 2010 4-H Exploration Days registration books are now available online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/edregbk.html>. Registration for 4-H Exploration Days begins at 9 a.m. on March 23rd. Forms received before that date will be kept on file until March 23rd and entered in the order they are received. The cost for a 4-H member to attend full-time is \$165. Non-members pay an additional \$10 participation fee. A deposit of \$80 is due at the time of registration. The balance is due on or before the date of the Exploration Days Orientation. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Exploration Days is June 23-25, 2010 at MSU. This conference is for youths who are ages 11 or older by January 1, 2010. Sessions fill quickly, so register early! Call 586-469-6431 for more information.

OTHER NEWS

***** Pony for Sale *****

Hello, my name is Roxanne Wasil and I am contacting great 4H Clubs like yours to tell about our Pony 'Sky'. She is a 9 yr. old Welsh, and a sweetheart. My daughter has outgrown her and we are trying to find her a good home with a job. She is 13.2 hands and her ground manners are absolutely perfect. She would make an awesome english 4-H, Speed or with little training a great barrel race pony. She loves to work and spooks at nothing. She has great feet (has always been barefoot), never sick and an easy keeper. We are asking \$2,000, but would be negot. to a very good home. Pictures are available. For more information about Sky, contact Roxanne Wasil at roxwasil47@yahoo.com.